

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated October 27, 2009, which this Reply is filed within three months. Claims 1-6, 10-15, 19-22 and 46-51 were pending in the application and the Examiner rejects claims 1-6, 10-15, 19-22 and 46-51. Applicants cancel claims 1-6, 10-15, 19-22 and 46-51 without prejudice to presenting the same or similar claims in this or a related application. Applicants add new claims 60-67. Support for the amendments and new claims may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter is entered with these amendments and new claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

The Examiner objects the drawings because the inspection system is not shown in the drawings. Applicants cancel the pending claims, and add new claims that do not include the phrase "inspection system". As such, Applicants assert that such objection is now moot.

The Examiner next rejects claim 3 under 35 USC 112 as non-enabling. Applicants cancel claim 3, so Applicants assert that this rejection is now moot.

The Examiner next rejects claims 2-21, 46 and 47 under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. Applicants cancel claims 2-21, 46 and 47, so Applicants assert that these rejections are now moot.

The Examiner next rejects claims 1-4, 13 and 48 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Zhang et al., US Patent No. 6,276,355 ("Zhang"). Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, but Applicants present new claims in order to clarify the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution. As such, Applicants assert that these rejections are now moot.

The Examiner next rejects claims 1-4, 13 and 48-51 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ueyama, et al., WO 02/057192 ("Ueyama"). Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, but Applicants present new claims in order to clarify the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution. As such, Applicants assert that these rejections are now moot.

The Examiner next rejects claims 5-6, 10-12, 14-21, 46 and 47 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueyama in view of Cunningham, US Patent No. 6,202,524. Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, but Applicants present new claims in order to clarify

the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution. As such, Applicants assert that these rejections are now moot.

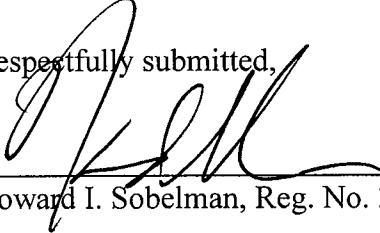
The Examiner next rejects claim 22 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueyama in view of Yoshikuni, US Patent No. 6,402,004. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, but Applicants present new claims in order to clarify the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution. As such, Applicants assert that these rejections are now moot.

New claims 60-67 are similar to the claims granted in Japanese Patent No. 4373980 (Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-514118). New independent claims 60 and 66 include, for example, a scribe device to form a scribe line in the y axis direction, together with the substrate supporting device. The cited references, alone or in combination, do not disclose or contemplate these features. As such, Applicant asserts that new independent claims 60 and 66 are patentable over the cited references.

New dependent claims 61-65 and 67 variously depend from independent claims 60 and 66, so Applicants assert that dependent claims 61-65 and 67 are allowable over the cited references for the reasons set forth above, in addition to their own unique features.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims properly set forth that Applicant regard as his invention and are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted,


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